

Complete nucleotide sequences of two phosphoglucoisomerase isozymes from *Bacillus stearothermophilus*

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Two phosphoglucoisomerase isozyme genes from *Bacillus stearothermophilus* have been cloned in *E.coli* (1) and sequenced with the Sanger method (2). The *EcoRI-PstI* fragment containing the *pgiB* gene is 1866 bp in length. An open reading frame, starting from a Met codon at position 453 preceeded by a ribosome binding site, AGAAAGGAG (G 19.4 kcal/mol) (3), codes for a protein of 445 amino acids (MW 50120). The *EcoRI-PvuII-PvuII* fragment containing the *pgiA* gene is 1822 bp in length. An open reading frame starting from a Met codon at position 95 preceeded by a ribosome binding site, GGAGG (G 14.4 kcal/mol) codes for a protein of 449 amino acids (MW 50337). The spacing between the -35 region and the -10 region, between the ribosome binding sites and the initiation codon and the G of ribosome binding site conform to previous reports (4, 5, 6). The G+C% of *pgiA* and *pgiB* are 43.2% and 40.7%, and the G+C% of the third base of the codons of *pgiA* and *pgiB* are 40.7% and 35.4% respectively. This finding together with the report on the *bgaB* gene (4) seems to be not consistent with the speculation of Barstow, et al. (7).

The homology between the nucleotide sequences of the two isomerase genes is 66% and the homology between the deduced amino acid sequences of the two isomerases is 69%. In the following figure the A and B before the nucleotide sequences represent *pgiA* or *pgiB* and * represents the amino acid of PGIB homologous to that of PGIA.

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